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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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THE REPLY FILED 20 April 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: ____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see Continuation Sheet.
 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: none.

Claim(s) rejected: 1,2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11-15, 17-21.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.
 8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 4/20/2204.
 10. Other: _____

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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: In the remarks, application argued in substance that (1) Miloslavsky can not handle the time when said received message occurred, the time handled by Miloslavsky does not determine and cause any state and result" (2) APA does not mention the requirement including a time when said received message occurred" (3) Hashimoto does not disclose and suggest the requirement including a time when said received message occurred", Hashimoto does not teach using a requirement relating to a combination of message, (5) The electronic mail is rerouted to another support person, not a standard destination"

Examiner respectfully traversed Application's remarks:

As to the point (1), Miloslasky teaches the selected support person does not answer an incoming mail within a predetermined time interval (col 5, ln 30-38). The time handled by Miloslavsky does not determined and cause any state and result. However, the time of Hashimoto can cause state and result (the message " HAVE GOOD TRIP TO TOKYO" must be transmitted at the data and time are set to a time at Sapporo (col 10, ln 50-55).

As to point (2) and (3), Hashimoto teaches the message" HAVE GOOD TRIP TO TOKYO" must be transmitted at the data and time are set to a time at Sapporo, the message " WELLCOME TO TOKYO will be scheduled to be transmitted at TOKYO (col 10, ln 50-55).

As to point (4), Hashimoto teaches combined message transmission, the message to Sapporo and message to TOKYO (col 10, ln 50-62/ Fig. 5 B).

As to point (5), Miloslaky teaches the mail is routed to another qualified and support person (col 5, ln 30-35). Qualified person is a standard destination.

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